

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lo *et al.*

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(Divisional of Application
Serial No. 09/461,697)

Group Art Unit: 1653

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DIAGNOSING AND TREATING
CONDITIONS, DISORDERS, OR
DISEASES INVOLVING CELL DEATH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-12 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 13-55 are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1-12, which have been canceled herein without prejudice, correspond to Group I of the restriction requirement of June 26, 2000 in Application No. 09/461,697 ("Restriction Requirement"). Pending claims 13-55 correspond to Groups II-VIII of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-made amendments be made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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